

PLAIN TALKS

August, 1979



Nuclear Operations Institute

The industry's nuclear power monitor

A national institute to monitor and improve the operation of nuclear power reactors has been announced as part of a wide-ranging electric-utility and nuclear-industry campaign to apply the lessons learned from the Three Mile Island accident.

In describing the functions of the Nuclear Operations Institute, Floyd W. Lewis, head of the committee set up by the electric-utility industry in response to the TMI accident, also announced a series of industry-supported studies of the health effects on residents in the Three Mile Island area of Pennsylvania. Further, Lewis said, the utility industry is exploring the feasibility of a mutual insurance program intended to mitigate against the extraordinary financial impact of a prolonged nuclear-plant shutdown on consumers and investors.

THE NUCLEAR OPERATIONS INSTITUTE will be set up to "establish industry-wide benchmarks for excellence in the management and operation of nuclear power programs, and to conduct independent evaluations to determine that the benchmarks are met," Lewis told a Washington news conference. He is chairman and chief executive officer of Middle South Utilities, Inc., and chairman of the board of the industry-funded Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). Dr. Chauncey Starr, vice chairman of EPRI and its former president, has agreed to assist the industry in formation of the Nuclear Operations Institute and selection of its management.

LEWIS CHARACTERIZED the institute as a highly independent organization reporting to directors who would include senior utility executives and, from outside the industry, prominent educators, scientists and engineers. The institute will cooperate with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, but will maintain its identity and independence, he said. The institute also will offer its cooperation to foreign utilities that are operating nuclear power plants. Emphasizing that the institute concept is still preliminary, Lewis said that, in addition to the "benchmarks for excellence," the institute would:

- Provide a system for monitoring and evaluating reactor operational problems and subsequent corrective actions.
- Provide seminars and generic training for various utility employees, including instructors, utility executives and upper management, to assure quality in the operation of nuclear power programs.
- Identify research projects and studies to improve the management and operation of nuclear power programs.

TO GAIN A BETTER understanding of the physical and psychological impact of the accident on the population around TMI, the industry's Nuclear Safety Analysis Center (NSAC), which was created immediately after the accident, will partially fund nine research studies, in cooperation with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the U.S. Department of Health. The first of these, a population registry, is already being conducted among about 50,000 residents within a five-mile radius of the TMI nuclear station. NSAC is contributing \$200,000 toward this study.

The Nuclear Safety Analysis Center was set up under EPRI by the utility industry to carry out detailed technical analyses of what happened at Three Mile Island and to interpret the lessons to be learned from the accident. Its budget for 1979 has been set at \$3 million. Another major industry effort is being conducted by the Atomic Industrial Forum, through its Policy Committee on Follow-Up to the Three Mile Island Accident.

The proposed mutual insurance plan, Lewis said, will apply to extraordinary costs in the event of a future nuclear accident. A committee of financial specialists is exploring the feasibility of such a plan, which would be financed by utilities operating nuclear power plants.

The industry's post-TMI initiatives are being spearheaded by the American Public Power Association, the Atomic Industrial Forum, Edison Electric Institute and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Mail Box

Mr. Ted Meinscher, Vice President
Gulf States Utilities Company
Port Arthur, Texas

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this means of sharing with you my personal appreciation to Mr. Jim Fernandez and the crew that has worked so hard in helping us establish a program of lighting for our property here at the First Baptist Church in Nederland.

As you know, there have been a number of churches burglarized and set on fire in recent days and this prompted us to call upon your firm for assistance in planning some safeguards for our facilities. Needless to say that those mentioned above went over and beyond the line of duty in helping us and we are extremely grateful. You can be real proud of your men.

Please express our appreciation to your men for us.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Shaddock
Minister of Education
First Baptist Church, Nederland

Mr. Charles Glass, Vice President
Gulf States Utilities Company
Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. Glass:

I would again like to thank Gulf States for sending two of my students, Vicki Spitznagle and David Rogas, to the Atomic Energy Symposium in Austin.

Mrs. Bonnie Reeves, the teacher who accompanied them, and the students have told me how much they enjoyed and learned from this valuable experience.

It is most unfortunate that there are so few companies that give their time and money to young students. I praise the electric companies for their work with the future adults of America.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Evangeline George
Chemistry Teacher
Beaumont Charlton Pollard High School

Ms. Lori McIntyre
Gulf States Utilities
Conroe, Texas

Dear Lori:

You really had a captive audience last night.

Thank you so very much for presenting our program and doing such an excellent job. I believe we had as much interest and participation as we have ever had for one of our programs. I am so glad you are a member of our group.

Thank you again for an excellent program.

Sincerely,
Blanche Davis
National Association of
Women in Construction

On the cover

Jerry Trost, professor in the Building Construction Department at Texas A&M, (right) discusses energy conservation with Bubba Busceme, former Olympic Boxer turned pro, at GSU's Energy Store in Beaumont's Parkdale Mall.

Trost, an energy conservation consultant for GSU, assists in the training of the company's Texas division employees who staff the Energy Information Centers and Energy Store. He spent several days at the Energy Store recently helping consumers solve their energy conservation problems.

"The biggest interest," notes Trost, "is from someone building a new home. And when they come in, they want to know everything about conserving



energy. People with existing homes have a specific question in mind when they come in."

"There are a lot more people coming through the new store than the old energy center downtown. The Energy Store is a lot more inviting."

Trost speculates that traffic through the Store is proportional to what consumers are paying for electric service. "I think every time you have a significant increase in electricity costs you're gonna have an increase in traffic."



I RODE THE BLIMP

Editor's note: A ride in the Goodyear Blimp is something few people experience. It can be thrilling and sometimes even a bit scary as described in this narrative written by Beaumont Service Center employee Linda Smith, who experienced first-hand the excitement and uncertainty of a brief flight aboard the awesome 192-foot long America, one of four Goodyear airships which operate on a regular year-round basis. The following was edited for space requirements.

Getting a ride on the Goodyear Blimp is no easy task.

After months of phone calls, letters and cancellations, we finally managed to get a reservation confirmed for my mother, my son, sister, niece, nephew

and me for March 3. However, bad weather forced postponement until March 31.

We arrived on time at Spring, 22 miles north of Houston, where the *America* is berthed, and found weather conditions to be fair and holding. The previous flight was ending and we watched the blimp slowly circle the field. As I sat there, I couldn't believe that we were actually going to ride this time.

One at a time we were helped into the cabin area by two crewmen. I remarked that it was like trying to mount a skittish horse.

The crewmen stepped back when the cabin door was secured and the pilot revved his engines and we ascended rapidly. In less than a minute or two we had leveled off.

"How high are we?" I asked.

"We're at 1,000 feet and 35 miles per hour cruising speed," replied the pilot. The blimp is powered by two twin six cylinder engines, 210 horsepower

each. It can reach a maximum speed of 50 miles per hour.

We weren't required to wear seat belts and were free to move around from window to window once we had ascended. Everything below was in such minute detail. The cars and trucks appeared to be about an eighth of an inch long and houses looked like tiny matchboxes. People were like ants, only noticeable when they moved. The trees were multi-colored shades of green with splashes of white dogwood here and there.

We passed over shopping centers and suburban areas with bright blue swimming pools. We saw a bright green golf course stretched out below with bug size golf carts riding along a ribbon of pavement. The sand traps looked like puzzle pieces.

The pilot sat up front working a set of foot pedals which were located below the instrument panel. With these rudder pedals he regulated the craft's left and right direction. Beside him was a large metal wheel with which he controlled the up and down direction of the airship.

Our flight was nearing its end and we circled back to the base area. The pilot cut back the engines and pointed the blimp down. We descended a little slower than we had ascended. Suddenly we felt a bump and the crewmen were struggling with the lines again. The door was opened and we were helped out of the cabin and told to run to the edge of the paved area.

We were still in a slight state of shock when we drove back home, not believing what had taken place. We only knew that we wanted to come back again some day.

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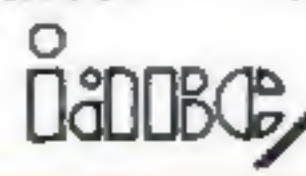
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Houston

Claudette!

Her real name was Trouble

Her name was Claudette but she was certainly no lady.

Billed as little more than a severe thunderstorm, Tropical Storm Claudette made landfall on the Texas Gulf Coast near Port Arthur on July 24, packing sustained winds of only 40 miles per hour — minimum tropical storm strength. Certainly nothing to worry about.

Claudette, however, had other ideas. Before she finally left the Beaumont-Port Arthur area three days later, some 10,000 customers had been without electric service for periods ranging from a few minutes to more than 24 hours. Heavy rains and winds gusting up to 60 miles per hour hampered restoration efforts and additional crews from Baton Rouge, Conroe, Jennings and Lafayette were called in to help. Houston Lighting and Power Company also sent several crews to aid in the around-the-clock restoration effort. At one time during the storm, GSU had 538 repairmen working in the Beaumont-Orange areas and another 160 in Port Arthur.

Although damage to major feeder lines was a big

problem during the course of the storm, a large number of customers were the victims of scattered outages due to wind and rain-battered tree limbs falling across local distribution lines.

Problems began Tuesday afternoon with service interruptions in Beaumont's North and West Ends and Vidor. Wind and rain remained in the area on Wednesday and the National Weather Service issued a high wind warning for the area. Heavy flooding made restoration efforts even more difficult.

Claudette had no doubt worn out her welcome by Thursday but still she lingered on, trapped in the area by a high pressure system to the north. GSU purchased several thousand pounds of dry ice to distribute free of charge to customers who had been without electric service for prolonged periods and were concerned about frozen food spoilage.

By Thursday afternoon the storm slackened and GSU crews quickly had control of the situation, restoring virtually all electrical service by Friday at noon.



Claudette kept GSU crews like this one in Port Arthur out in wind and rain for long hours at a time.

THRIFT PLAN

Investments made by the Trustee during July, 1979 covering employee deductions and Company contributions through June, 1979 were as follows:

Purchase of Common Stock
Number of Shares — 30,952
Total Cost — \$410,411.00
Average Cost Per Share — \$13.25

The Trustee also made the following deposits:
First Security Bank of Beaumont, \$145,891.22
Savings.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society
\$33,926.69 Guaranteed Fixed Income Fund.

Five GSU executives promoted

The promotions of five key company executives were approved August 2 by the board of directors.

Joseph E. Bondurant, formerly senior vice president for division operations and system engineering, and Joseph L. Donnelly, senior vice president for financial services, were appointed executive vice presidents. Thomas H. Burbank, formerly vice president for rates and planning, will become senior vice president.

Charles D. Glass, formerly division vice president, Beaumont, assumes the new position of vice president of Texas operations. Succeeding Glass is former operating superintendent of the Port Arthur division, Arden D. Loughmiller.

The appointments are effective September 1.



A native of Fulton, Ky., Bondurant was employed by GSU in 1957 as an engineer in the Beaumont division. He was promoted to division engineer in 1966 and to operating supervisor in Lake Charles, the following year. In 1971, Bondurant became Lake Charles division manager and remained in that position until he was named vice president of technical services and transferred to Beaumont in 1975. He was named senior vice president in February, 1978.



Donnelly came to GSU in March from Allentown, Pa., where he was vice president of finance for Pennsylvania Power and Light Company. He had been with PP&L since 1958 and served as assistant counsel, manager of financial research and vice president. Before joining PP&L, Donnelly, who has a law degree, was deputy attorney general

for the state of Pennsylvania.

As PP&L's vice president of finance, Donnelly also was an officer in several of the company's subsidiaries. He was vice president of Hershey Electric Company, vice president and a director of Pennsylvania Mines Co., vice president and a director of Uranium Resources and Development Co., vice president and a director of Interstate Energy Co., and president and director of Service Development Co.



Burbank was senior vice president of Edison Electric Institute, the principal association for the nation's investor-owned electric utility companies, before joining GSU last September. During his 18 years at EEI, Burbank became recognized as an expert in the field of rate forecasting and utility rate matters.

Prior to serving with EEI, he was a rate consultant for Ebasco International of New York City and Connecticut Light and Power Company.



Glass, a native of Mount Pleasant, Texas, joined GSU's Beaumont sales department in 1949. After serving in the military from 1954 to 1956, he returned to the company's sales department, this time in Lake Charles. In 1965, he was transferred to Baton Rouge, where he served as commercial sales supervisor before becoming division sales superintendent in 1968.

In 1972, Glass moved to Beaumont to become system marketing manager, a position he held until his appointment as vice president for customer relations in 1975. He assumed duties as division vice president in Beaumont in 1978.



A native of Vernon, Texas, Loughmiller has been a GSU employee since 1961, when he joined the Beaumont transmission and distribution department. Four years later, he was transferred to the sales department as industrial sales engineer.

Loughmiller became labor relations coordinator in the personnel department in 1969 and in 1972 moved to Baton Rouge as division superintendent of sales. He later served as operating supervisor in the Baton Rouge T&D department before being transferred to Port Arthur and promoted to operating superintendent in November, 1977.

Nation's electric use up from 1978 figures

Despite the fact that the nation's unnecessary electric power use has been tightened up by voluntary conservation and federally-mandated restrictions on air conditioning, the nation's electric companies reported an all-time high in electricity use for the week ended August 4.

With regions of the country sweltering under a muggy, heat wave, Edison Electric Institute, the association of investor-owned electric companies, reported electricity use increased 19.8 percent in New England over the same

In compliance with a recent federal government proposal, GSU last month raised the thermostats on all of its office cooling systems to 78 degrees.

"We have been encouraging our customers to conserve electric energy for more than three years," said W. Donham Crawford, Board Chairman, adding that the company's example reinforces that continuing program.

"It's important that we do everything possible to use energy resources more prudently," he emphasized. "Conservation not only helps in the fight against inflation, but it aids in our national defense and security as well."

week a year ago. In the Mid-Atlantic region, the increase was 15.3 percent; 8.9 percent in the Central Industrial states; and 10.8 percent in the West Central region.

In fact, every one of the nine EEI reporting regions recorded an increase above 1978 usage. The average increase for the week in the entire U.S. was 8.8 percent. The net amount of electricity output for the total electric utility industry was 49 billion, 200 million kilowatt hours for the week, an all-time high. The previous record weekly output was 48 billion, 582 million kilowatt hours last winter (week ended January 13, 1979).

EEI said the figures again offer hard evidence of the need to build new coal and nuclear generating plants to keep up with people's demand for electricity.

Administrative Services Dept. encompasses four main areas

Editor's note: The following is the first of a series of brief articles dealing with the structure of the major company departments and their functions within the company.

Senior Vice President-Administrative Services E. M. Loggins is the officer responsible for overseeing Administrative Services, its policies and procedures. The department actually encompasses four broad areas — Fuel Services, General Services, Legal Services and Information and Data Services.

The General Manager-Fuel and Materials, E. J. Serwan, has three departments to oversee:

- **Fuel Services** that meets the fuel needs of the company through term contracts. Director is K. G. Laiche.
- **Contract Services** that works with all other departments to protect the corporation in its dealings with vendors, contractors, suppliers, etc. Manager is L. P. Gerac.
- **Material Services** that does the purchasing and salvage operations and works with the Stores groups. Manager is R. E. Lanier.

The Vice President-General Services, J. F. Worthy, is responsible for:

- **Risk Management Services** which contracts for and administers the company's insurance programs. Manager is O. A. Stewart.
- **The building of our new corporate headquarters.**
- **Office Services** that encompasses our records, reproduction, mail, steno, main office car pool and building maintenance forces. Manager is J. L. Braswell.

Legal Services gives legal opinions and guidance to all other company departments. They also handle claims, regulation interpretation, certain rate and certification work and coordinates the use of outside counsel. Director is C. L. Johnson.

Information and Data Services provides electronic data processing service and technical assistance to the various departments of the company. It administers and maintains the computer center and its existing data processing systems; as well as providing state-of-the-art support to investigate, develop, and implement new systems that are needed by the company. Manager is C. G. Davis.

1979 legislative review

Louisiana session productive for GSU

Editor's note: This is the second article in a two-part series examining the effects of this year's sessions of the Louisiana and Texas state legislatures on the area's electric utility industry, in general, and GSU, in particular. This month, Plain Talks looks at our victories and defeats during the past session of the Louisiana legislature.

It can be said quite truthfully that as far as GSU is concerned, this year's session of the Louisiana state legislature was as productive as the Texas session was frustrating.

Virtually every bill the company supported was approved by the Louisiana lawmakers while every measure which would have adversely affected the company and its customers was defeated. In fact, the only GSU-supported bill that failed would have permitted the Louisiana Public Service Commission (LPSC) to designate specific territories in which a utility could provide service. The bill was opposed by Central Louisiana Energy Corporation and Southwestern Electric Power Company.

THE COMPANY'S MOST notable legislative achievement was the passage of House Bill 922, which provides the aged needy with a credit on their electric bills. The bill was proposed by GSU and won endorsements from Gov. Edwin Edwards and the president of the AFL-CIO.

The program will cover persons 65 or older who qualify for Title 19 Medicaid benefits. According to

the Louisiana Legislative Council, there are 93,000 such persons representing 50,000 households. Individuals seeking assistance will go to their electric utility and fill out an application. This applies whether the utility is a company, cooperative or municipality.

The application is sent to the Department of Health and Human Resources, which certifies eligibility and notifies the utility that the recipient can receive a 25 percent credit on his electric bill, up to 600 kilowatthours. The utility submits a voucher to the state and is reimbursed from the treasury.

IT IS ESTIMATED that the average recipient will receive a \$6 break on his electric bill each month. The program will cost the state \$1.8 million during the first year.

Some 14 blatantly anti-nuclear bills were introduced and none became law. A resolution was passed, however, creating a nuclear advisory committee to report to state lawmakers on the nuclear situation in Louisiana. GSU did not oppose the resolution.

There were four bills introduced to increase the percentage of assessment on utility properties from 15 percent to as high as 40 percent. What finally passed was a measure providing for an increase to 25 percent, which will have no appreciable effect on GSU's future ad valorem taxes. Killed were GSU-opposed proposals that would have let parishes levy a tax on the sale of electricity and that would have prevented utilities from including current franchise tax payments as operating expenses.

OTHER BILLS OPPOSED by GSU which failed were proposals to:

- Limit back-billing to two months in the event of faulty meter readings.
- Establish offices in all towns with populations of 3,000 or more.
- Prohibit running underground conduits across highway right-of-ways.
- Require a public utility to pay license and permit fees when doing its own construction.

Construction work in progress attracted a great deal of attention in the Senate, where a constitutional amendment and a proposed statute sought to prevent the inclusion of "real earnings on plants used and usable" in the electric rate-making process. The constitutional amendment never received a committee hearing but the proposed law reached the Senate floor and was defeated by a wide margin. Public Service Commission Chairman Louis Lambert was the foremost advocate of the measure and some senators felt the upper chamber would be endorsing Lambert for governor if it approved the bill.

GSU supported one bill that went through the legislative process without receiving one negative vote. It provides that electricity will have a lienable right in public and private construction contracts.

After much debate, a bill was approved that would let cities band together to form the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority and seek a common source of electricity. GSU was neutral on the proposal.

Conservation project teams Energy Store with Goudchaux's

July was Energy Month in Louisiana and a daring new promotion was available for the people of Baton Rouge.

The GSU Energy Store and Goudchaux's, a leading local department store in Baton Rouge, have successfully undertaken a new project in the area of Energy Conservation Awareness. Exciting summer fashions were teamed with colorful displays depicting various energy-saving ideas.

The promotion was titled "Goudchaux's Cools the Sun" and the Energy Store logo, in bright gold and rust, provided the backdrop for the displays. The five high points of the National Energy Watch Program were featured in displays located in key traffic areas of Goudchaux's, one of the largest stores in Cortana Mall.

The promotion, organized by Shivaun T. Bourgoyne of Consumer Services in Baton Rouge, and Gordon Hogan, Huit Lotten and Debra Beckstrom of Goudchaux's display department, continued into August.



Service Awards



Doris Campbell
Tax Services Dept.
Beaumont
40 Years



Jack W. Kirkland
Systems Operations
Beaumont
40 Years



Joseph C. Amedee, Jr.
Division Production
Baton Rouge
30 Years



John W. Beard
Electric T&D Dept.
Beaumont
30 Years



Wilson Bryant
Building Services
Beaumont
30 Years



Joseph J. Charlesville
Division Production
Baton Rouge — WG
30 Years



Joe R. Havens
Electric T&D Dept.
Lake Charles
30 Years



Edwards G. Hodges
Varibus Corporation
Beaumont
30 Years



John Jackson
Division Production
Beaumont
30 Years



Zalvia B. Jackson
Electric T&D Dept.
Baton Rouge
30 Years



Clarence Lefedge
Division Production
Beaumont
30 Years



J. R. Wheeler
Division Production
Beaumont
30 Years



Dalton S. Whitmire
Div. Accounting Dept.
Madisonville
30 Years



Thomas J. Arabie
Electric T&D Dept.
Lafayette
20 Years



Fred D. Doucet
Division Production
Lake Charles
20 Years



Anita L. Bankston
Div. Accounting Dept.
Baton Rouge
10 Years



Jennifer M. Buhler
Div. Accounting Dept.
Baton Rouge
10 Years



Martha F. Caldwell
Division Production
Lake Charles
10 Years



George M. Davis, Jr.
Div. Accounting Dept.
Baton Rouge
10 Years



Joseph J. Delaboussaye
Financial Serv. Dept.
Beaumont
10 Years



James R. Dubois
Electric T&D Dept.
Port Arthur
10 Years



Milton W. Franklin
Electric T&D Dept.
Baton Rouge
10 Years



Clearence Guidry
Electric T&D Dept.
Lake Charles
10 Years



Martin L. Harrell, III
Electric T&D Dept.
Beaumont
10 Years



Jimmy L. Hubert
Electric T&D Dept.
Port Arthur
10 Years



Glynn E. Lang
Information & Data Sv.
Beaumont
10 Years



Jimmie L. Young
Electric T&D Dept.
Beaumont
10 Years

On The Move

AMERINE, KATHERINE S., EDP Scheduling & Controls Coordinator, Beaumont Information and Data Services, promoted to Supervisor-EDP Production Control.

ANDERSON, GILBERT L., EDP Operations Supervisor, Beaumont Information and Data Services promoted to EDP Senior Operations Analyst.

ATKINS, JAMES W., named Manager-Employment, Human Resources.

AYRES, MARVIN K., Computer Operator, Beaumont Information and Data Services, promoted to EDP Shift Supervisor.

BADEAUX, EULICE J., Collector, Port Arthur Division Accounting, promoted to Meter Reader Supervisor.

BALLARD, THOMAS R., Senior Administrative Accountant, Beaumont Accounting Services, promoted to Supervisor-General Accounting.

BARRY, JOHN E., Nuclear Fuels Engineer, Beaumont Power Plant Engineering & Design, transferred to Beaumont Nuclear Projects.

BERGER, ERVIN W., Director-Plant Accounting, Beaumont Accounting Services, promoted to Director-Plant & Depreciation Accounting.

BLAIR, RICHARD A., Planning Coordinator, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to Supervisor-IDS Systems Planning.

BORDEMAN, CHARLES W., Supervisor-Customer Accounts, Beaumont Division Accounting, promoted to Supervisor-Credit & Collections.

BOUTTE, SHERMAN, Lineman First Class, Port Arthur T&D, promoted to Heavy Equipment Foreman, Port Arthur T&D Lines.

BROUSSARD, PHILIP, Lineman First Class, Beaumont T&D, promoted to Utility Foreman, Beaumont T&D Line.

BROWNE, RICHARD L., Master Electrician, Willow Glen Station, promoted to Electrical Coordinator, Beaumont System Production.

BRYANT, JAMES T., Senior Engineering Assistant, Beaumont Engineering Standards & Applications, promoted to Section Head.

BURTON, JOE L., Engineer, Baton Rouge Power Plant Engineering & Design, promoted to Maintenance Engineer, Plant Production, Louisiana Station.

BUTTS, JOHN R., Supervisor-Production Accounting, Beaumont System Production, promoted to Director-Production Accounting.

BYARS, CHARLES L., Electrical & Test Engineer, Louisiana Station, promoted to Director-Power Systems Control, Beaumont Power Supply.

CAPPADONNA, MICHAEL T., Administrative Accountant, Beaumont Accounting Services, changed to Accountant, Beaumont System Production.

CASE, MICHAEL S., Repairman First Class, Louisiana Station, promoted to Mechanical Coordinator, Beaumont System Production.

COGGINS, THOMAS R., Lineman First Class, Beaumont T&D, promoted to Utility Foreman, Beaumont T&D Line.

COLLINS, BEVERLY, Depreciation Analyst, Beaumont Tax Services, transferred to Beaumont Accounting Services.

COMEAX, KENNETH P., Lineman First Class, Zachary T&D, promoted to Utility Foreman, Zachary T&D Line.

CUNNINGHAM, RALEIGH E., EDP Systems Design Supervisor, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to IDS Planning Coordinator.

DUBOSE, GEORGE K., Project Accountant, Beaumont Accounting Services, promoted to Supervisor-Customer Accounts, Beaumont Division Accounting.

DORSEY, BRENT W., Internal Auditor, Beaumont Internal Audits, promoted to Coordinator-Customer Relations, Beaumont System Consumer Services.

DOUGLAS, WILLIAM H., promoted to General Manager-Personnel Services, Human Resources.

DOWIES, ROBERT W., EDP Systems Design Supervisor, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to Supervisor-EDP Implementation Services.

DURHAM, MICHAEL S., promoted to Manager-Occupational Health and Safety, Human Resources.

FEAGIN, BOBBY L., Utility Foreman, Navasota T&D, promoted to Line Foreman.

FEE, GENE B., Engineer, Beaumont System Production, promoted to Planning Engineer, Plant Production, Sabine Station.

FITE, CHRISTOPHER B., promoted to Supervisor-Recruiting, Human Resources.

FOREMAN, HORENCE E., Master Electrician, Sabine Station, promoted to Electrical Maintenance Foreman.

GANN, OSCAR A., General Line Foreman, Jennings T&D, promoted to Superintendent-Jennings District, Jennings Division Operations.

GARNER, RICKIE D., Engineer, Beaumont Engineering Design, promoted to Communications Engineer.

GERAC, LYLE P., Director-Contract Services, promoted to Manager-Contract Services.

GRAHAM, CLINTON B., Quality Systems Representative, Beaumont Nuclear Projects, transferred to Nuclear Projects, River Bend Site.

GRIMES, PAUL L., Senior Engineering Assistant, Beaumont Engineering Design, promoted to Real Estate Representative, Beaumont Real Estate.

HARLESS, RANDALL C., Systems Analyst, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to EDP Project Supervisor.

HAWKES, MARSHALL L., Party Chief, Beaumont T&D, transferred to Beaumont Real Estate.

HEBERT, CLARK J., Engineer, Louisiana Station, promoted to Electrical & Test Engineer.

HEBERT, DORA W., General Clerk, Beaumont Accounting Services, promoted to Section Head, Beaumont Office Services.

HEGWOOD, EDWARD L., Assistant to General Line Foreman, Beaumont T&D, promoted to Materials Coordinator, Beaumont System Operations.

HENDRIX, ALVIN E., Coordinator-EDP Data Administration, Beaumont Information & Data Services, changed to Supervisor-EDP Data Administration.

HOPKINS, JOE A., Director-EDP Implementation Services, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to Director-EDP Operations Services.

HORELICA, BILL D., EDP Systems Design Supervisor, Beaumont Information & Data Services, changed to Supervisor-EDP Data Administration.

JOHNSON, CECIL L., Director-Rate Counsel, Beaumont Rates & Planning, promoted to Director-Legal Services, Beaumont Legal Services.

JORDEN, JOHN D., Lineman First Class, Vidor T&D, promoted to Utility Foreman, Beaumont T&D Line.

NOBLOCH, RALPH M., Coordinator-Material Services, Material Services, River Bend Site, transferred to Nuclear Projects, River Bend Site.

LEATHERWOOD, LYNN A., Nuclear Fuel Analyst, Beaumont Power Plant Engineering & Design, transferred to Beaumont Nuclear Projects.

LEAVINES, JOSEPH W., Engineer, Beaumont Nuclear Projects, promoted to Assistant Project Engineer.

LEGNON, HENRY, Collector, Lafayette Division Accounting, promoted to Meter Reader Supervisor.

LEMIRE, FRANK A., Supervisor-Credit & Collections, Beaumont Division Accounting, promoted to Supervisor-System Credit & Collections, Beaumont Accounting Services.

MALDONADO, ALICE E., Key Punch Supervisor, Beaumont Information & Data Services, changed to Supervisor-EDP Key Entry.

MCCLURE, ARCHIE L., Repairman First Class, Louisiana Station, promoted to Mechanical Maintenance Foreman, Willow Glen Station.

MCGEE, ROBERT E., Administrative Accountant, Beaumont Accounting Services, changed to Accountant, St. Francisville Accounting Services.

MENARD, LAWRENCE J., Collector, Lake Charles Division Accounting, promoted to Meter Reader Supervisor.

MOORE, JOEL A., Director-IDS Planning Services, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to Director-EDP Information Systems.

MOORE, STEPHEN R., Coordinator-EDP Systems Development, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to Supervisor-EDP Systems Support.

NEAL, BARNEY H., Engineering Assistant, Conroe T&D Engineering, promoted to Meter Reader Supervisor, Conroe Division Accounting.

PARSLEY, THOMAS E., Senior Systems Analyst, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to EDP Project Supervisor.

PELLERIN, MILTON J., Heavy Equipment Foreman, Port Arthur T&D, promoted to Shop Foreman, Port Arthur T&D Garage.

RABE, WILLIAM P., Administrative Accountant, Beaumont Accounting Services, changed to Accountant, Beaumont System Production.

RAGUSA, JOSEPH F., Budget Analyst, Beaumont Accounting Services, changed to Financial Analyst, Beaumont Financial Services.

RENFRO, CHARLESSELLA A., Stenographer-Senior, Beaumont Planning Department, promoted to Personnel Clerk, Beaumont Human Resources.

SALE, MICHAEL A., Engineer, Beaumont System Production, promoted to Mechanical Maintenance Foreman, Plant Production, Nelson Station.

SANDLIN, EARL A., Section Head, Beaumont Engineering Standards & Applications, promoted to Relay Design Supervisor, Beaumont Engineering Design.

STAFFORD, ROBERT B., Supervisor-Quality Systems, Beaumont Nuclear Projects, transferred to Nuclear Projects, River Bend Site.

STEIN, HERBERT E., Supervisor-General Accounting, Beaumont Accounting Services, promoted to Director-Financial Planning & Analysis, Beaumont Financial Services.

STRICKLAND, DONALD L., Test Technician First Class, Willow Glen Station, promoted to Test Foreman.

STUART, WILLIAM S., Quality Systems Representative, Beaumont Nuclear Projects, transferred to Nuclear Projects, River Bend Site.

SULLIVAN, DONALD C., Area Development Representative, Baton Rouge Division Consumer Services, promoted to Coordinator-Consumer Services Construction.

THIBODEAUX, RONALD L., Administrative Accountant, Beaumont Accounting Services, promoted to Senior Accountant.

TODD, KYLE E., Engineer, Lake Charles T&D, transferred to Beaumont Transmission Planning.

TURNER, REBECCA A., promoted to Supervisor-EEO and Personnel Standards, Human Resources.

WALTERS, CARL A., Systems Analyst, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to Senior Systems Analyst.

WARD, JAMES E., Assistant to the President, Beaumont Executive Administrative Staff, promoted to Chairman-Corporate Planning Committee.

WARD, PRENTICE W., Supervisor-Depreciation Studies & Accruals, Beaumont Tax Services, transferred to Beaumont Accounting Services.

WEBB, KENNETH T., promoted to Manager-Industrial Relations, Human Resources.

WELCH, BARBARA M., Senior Clerk, Conroe Division Accounting, promoted to Section Head.

WERNER, LINDA Z., Stenographer, Beaumont Financial Services, promoted to Legal Stenographer, Beaumont Legal Services.

WHEELER, RAYMOND L., Computer Operator, Beaumont Information & Data Services, promoted to EDP Shift Supervisor.

WHIDDON, THOMAS R., promoted to Manager-Compensation and Benefits, Human Resources.

WILDER, JAMES E., Director-EDP Operations Services, Beaumont Information & Data Services, changed to Director-Order Processing, Beaumont Material Services.

ZACHARY, VICKI A., Administrative Accountant, Baton Rouge Division Accounting, changed to Accountant, Plant Production, Willow Glen Station.

Baton Rouge employees enjoy Safety Day

For a number of Baton Rouge Division employees, Saturday, July 28, was Family Safety Day.

Highlighting the outing at Father Colbert's Camp near Baton Rouge were CPR demonstrations, video films on first aid and electrical contact and an overhead live line contact demonstration utilizing a miniature mockup of a distribution line, in-

cluding houses, automobiles, television antennas and ladders.

Employees and their families also enjoyed bucket truck rides, swimming, a space walk, horseshoes, softball, ping pong, volleyball and sack races. Perhaps most enjoyed, however, was the dunking machine manned by the bosses (Summa Stelly, vice president-Louisiana Operations, Calvin Hebert,

vice president-Baton Rouge Division and Dewey Lytle, operating superintendent-Baton Rouge Electric T&D).

Hot dogs, hamburgers and snow cones were enjoyed by employees throughout the day.

Photos courtesy of Margie Force.



The good turnout made the event a success.



The space walk attracted the kiddies.



"Okay boss, now about that raise..."

Deaths

Seven retirees and four active employees have died since the last notices were published in Plain Talks.

Missing now among the retired are Fred D. Grogan, Osby Kirkwood, Jr., Alfred M. Melancon, Walter W. Pharr, John L. Phillips, Charles P. Walters and Howard W. Webb. Recently deceased active employees are Neil R. Hebert, Eugene D. Keller, Huttson Henry "Hutt" Reed, and Gary A. Worster.

Grogan died June 1. He was a resident of Beaumont.

Kirkwood, a native of Beaumont, worked as a storeroom laborer in Beaumont. He died July 17.

Melancon joined the company in 1939 as an instrument man in the Baton Rouge T&D Department. He was transferred to Beaumont in 1950 and promoted to supervisor-standards in 1965. Melancon, who retired in 1976, died June 15.

Pharr retired in 1968 after 27 years with GSU. He was hired in 1941 as an assistant fireman at Neches Station. The New Iberia, La., native was transferred to the company's former Riverside plant in Lake Charles in 1947 and became control operations foreman at Sabine Station in 1965. He died August 8.

Phillips, a resident of Baton Rouge, died June 7.



Keller



Kirkwood



Melancon



Pharr



Phillips



Reed



Walters



Webb

A native of Hermanville, Miss., Walters was hired as an oiler at Louisiana Station in 1917 and spent his entire GSU career there.

He was made operating engineer in 1949. He died June 20.

Webb, formerly head fireman at Louisiana Station, died August 5. He retired in 1973 after 32 years with the company. The Milam, Tex. native

joined GSU in 1941 as an operator at the Liberty Ice Plant. He was transferred to Louisiana Station in 1949.

Hebert was a communications serviceman in the Port Arthur T&D Department at the time of his death. He died May 18.

A garage mechanic first class in the T&D Garage in Jennings, Keller died July 25.

Reed, Jennings district superintendent, died May 23. He joined GSU in 1941 and became district superintendent in 1968. Reed was recognized as an outstanding business and civic leader and the Louisiana Legislature passed a concurrent resolution expressing regret and sorrow upon his death. He was a native of Beaumont.

Worster, a substation mechanic fourth class in the Orange T&D Department, died August 2.

Inside GSU



Employees at Lewis Creek Station recently won the safety contest among the company's Texas power plants and celebrated with a shrimp boil at the

Lewis Creek Lake House. Congratulations to these employees for a commendable achievement. (from Marilyn Key, Conroe)



Kim Renee Hughes, daughter of Richard A. Hughes (Meter Foreman-Baton Rouge) and former Gulf Stater Elaine Hughes recently became the bride of John Austin, son of Marion Austin (Gas Dept.-Baton Rouge) and Thera Austin. The July 21 wedding was at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Baton Rouge. The couple will reside in Zachary, Louisiana. (from Linda Nelson, Government Street)



Clowning around at the Baton Rouge Division's Family Safety Day July 28 was Leroy Tunious (T&D Helper, Choctaw Service Center). Pictured above with Leroy is Brian Lytle, son of Dewey Lytle (operating superintendent, Baton Rouge Electric T&D).



E. J. Badeaux, collector in Port Arthur Accounting, was recently promoted to Meter Reader Supervisor. His fellow employees congratulated him with a sign reading "Congratulations Super Bado". (from Pam Dattalo, Port Arthur)



Debra Faye Narcisse, daughter of Paul Narcisse, Jr., Building and Garage Services in Port Arthur, recently graduated from Lincoln High School and plans to major in Secretarial Science at Lamar University. Active in the Coeds Club, Horizon Club and Future Teachers of America, Debra served as C.Y.O. President at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Port Arthur. (from Pam Dattalo, Port Arthur)



These Port Arthur employees participated in the 1979 Port Arthur Hackers Invitational golf tournament at Pleasure Island July 21. First place honors went to the team of Lee Terro, John Phares, Ted Meinscher and Craig Lee. Jim Minner, Tass Young,

Ed Bush and Eddie Elkins comprised the second place team. Two teams tied for third place: Ronnie Carlin, Gomer Frederick, Ed Wynn and R. L. Grubbs; Gerald Bailey, Phil Lalonde and Mike Leger. Individual medalist honors went to Lee Terro

with a low gross of 79. John Phares won the closest-to-the-hole trophy, while Mike Leger won the coveted Hacker of the Year award for his score of 151 for 18 holes. It is hoped the tournament will become an annual event.



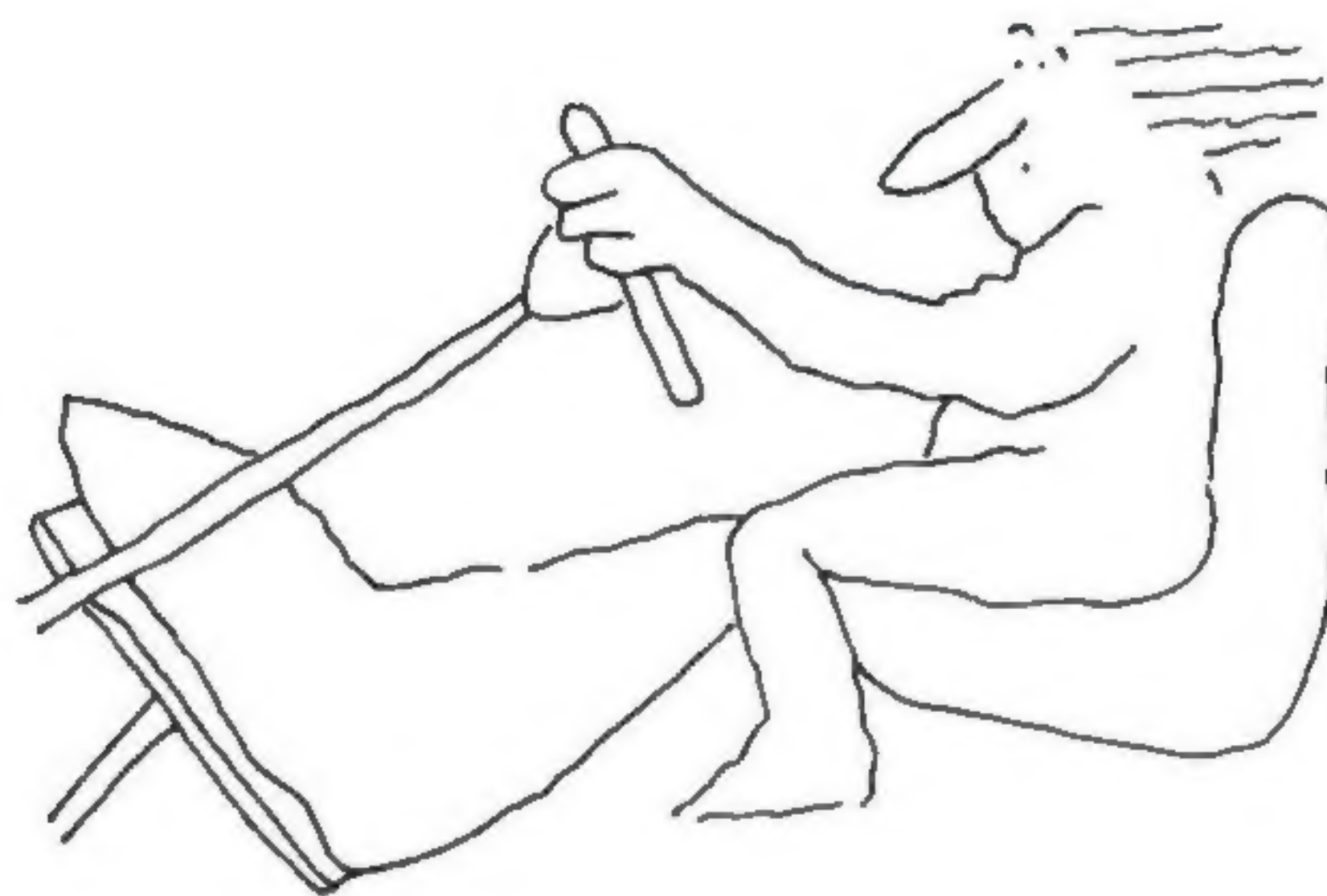
A farewell party was held Aug. 17 for Pam Dattalo, senior stenographer in Port Arthur. Pam was transferred to the Human Resources Dept. and promoted to Personnel Department Clerk. (from Kathleen Reed)



Western Division employees and spouses received instruction in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid during recent night classes at the Conroe office auditorium. Lives have been saved in re-

cent years because Gulf Staters participated in company-sponsored courses like these and knew what to do in an emergency.

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